Government to agree to the full covertibility of the rupee on the capital a account at an early date

(b) if so, the Government's response to the suggestioni, and

(c) whether in formulating Government's position in the matter the turmoil that has overtaken several South East Asian countries since October, 1997 is being borne in mind?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise,

(c) The Government takes all the relevant factors into account while formulating its policies in this regard.

Cases Regarding Securities Scam

3735. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
DR. JAGANNATH MISRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases filed in connection with the Securities Scam following the presentation of the report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee thereon;

(b) the status of the stage of investigation/prosecution of these cases;

(c) the number of cases yet to be filed on the basis of the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee; and

(d) the time by which those cases are expected to be filed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered in all 72 cases so far in connection with the irregularities in securities and banking transactions. The position of these cases are given below:—

1. Chargesheet filed	39 cases (cases pendings trial 37 as 2 cases have been disposed off ending in acquittal).
2. Cases pending sanction for prosecution	2 cases
3. Prosecution order issued	2 cases
4. Chargesheet to be filed	2 cases
5. Cases referred for Departmental Action/otherwise disposed off	24 cases
6. Investigation completed under scrutiny for order	1 case
7. Cases pending investigation/enquiry	2 cases

(c) Nil.

(d) Does not arise.

Cases Referred to DRTs

3736. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases referred to the Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) since it was set up on 24th June, 1993 by various banks and financial institutions, bank-wise and year-wise;

(b) the amount of dues involved in these cases; and

(c) the number of cases disposed off and the amount of dues recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Approval for Increasing Market Borrowing by Tripura

3737. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tripura got the approval of the Central Government for increasing market borrowings during 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Government to this proposal?